

WELCOME TO THE PUBLIC HEARING/ COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE 2021 Annual Action Plan

**CITY OF BUFFALO
Byron W. Brown, Mayor**

**MAYOR'S OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING
Brendan R. Mehaffy, Executive Director**

Please Note:

- All phones are muted until Roundtable Discussions
- Main Room is being recorded; note-taking will occur in Breakout Rooms
- Formal comments are public record and will be part of our submittal of the 2021 Annual Action Plan to HUD



**April 29, 2021 | 6:00 p.m.
Virtual Public Hearing via Webex.com**

Welcome

Today's Public Hearing/Community Roundtable is being held virtually, as part of efforts to contain Covid-19 by limiting public gatherings.

On February 8th in Notice CPD-21-02, HUD issued a waiver of Community Planning and Development (CPD) Grant Program and Consolidated Plan Requirements to allow for virtual Public Hearings in the preparation of FY 2021 Consolidated Plans and Annual Action Plans. As a result, today's hearing is taking place virtually.

Welcome to the virtual Public Hearing/Community Roundtable.

William Parke
HUD Program Manager
HUDAdministrator@city-buffalo.com

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Housekeeping Items
3. Annual Action Plan: “Where Are We in the Process”
4. Presentation: “Annual Action Plan in a Nutshell”
 - ❖ Program Overviews
 - ❖ Accomplishments
5. Introduction of Facilitators and Scribes
6. Roundtable Discussions in Breakout Rooms and Main Room
7. Important AAP Dates and Information
8. Adjournment

Housekeeping

- ▶ This hearing starts with a Presentation.
- ▶ After the Presentation, there will be two 15-minute Roundtable Discussion breakout sessions. You can choose to join a breakout session by topic, or remain in the Main Room. Breakout Room topics are:
 1. Crime Prevention/Economic Development
 2. Demolition/Clearance
 3. Housing/HOME
 4. Planning/Historic Preservation
 5. Public Improvements
 6. Public Services/ESG/HOPWA
- ▶ After the two breakout Roundtable Discussion sessions, we will reconvene in the Main Room for completion of the presentation.
- ▶ After the event, this presentation will be placed online at: <https://www.buffalony.gov/324/Consolidated-Plan-Documents>

Annual Action Plan...

Where are we in the process?

March 16 & March 17, 2021

Public Services Application Workshops Completed

April 2, 2021

Public Service Applications Received

April 29, 2021

Public Hearing/Community Roundtable at 6:00
on Webex

May 29, 2021

Comments are due for this meeting to
HUDAdministrator@city-buffalo.com

June 17, 2021 (updated)

Public Hearing/Plan Review at 6:00
also on Webex

FOUR ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS

1. CDBG- Community Development Block Grant
2. HOME- HOME Investment Partnerships
3. ESG- Emergency Solutions Grant
4. HOPWA- Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS

Note from Presenter: HUD Waivers and Flexibilities associated with the CARES Act will be addressed in Breakout Rooms by knowledgeable staff, if applicable.

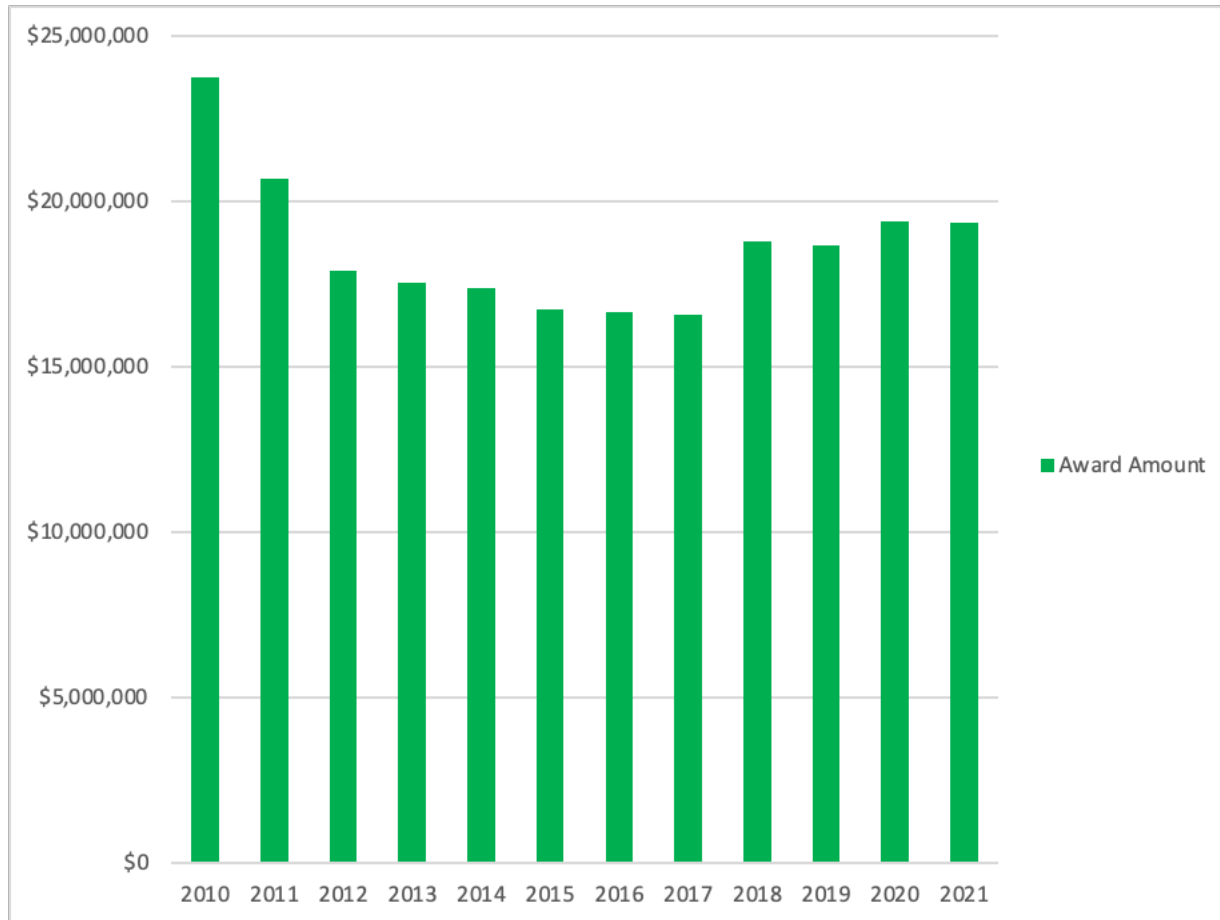
All proposed activity budgets will be proportionally increased or decreased from the estimated funding levels to match actual allocation amounts, once awarded.

ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS-Past & Present

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$18,673,275</u>	<u>\$19,406,839</u>	<u>\$19,368,352</u>
CDBG	13,706,335	14,041,040	13,926,260
HOME	3,007,593	3,342,266	3,388,479
ESG	1,160,583	1,204,344	1,197,642
HOPWA	798,764	819,189	855,971

Source: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/budget. Corrected amount shown if applicable.
CARES Act funds not included.

ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING: 2010 to 2021



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CARES Act funds not included.



- Provide housing assistance and related supportive services for persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families.
- Distributed directly to local non-profits to provide both permanent and short-term housing assistance and other supportive services.
- Not available for construction or renovation of facilities.
- Allocations made based on applications submitted to, and reviewed by, the City.
- Up to 3% of grant may be used for program administration.

ESG

\$1,197,642

Maximum of 60%
of Grant can be
used for shelter
& outreach.

- Help to prevent homelessness, and address the housing and supportive service needs of homeless individuals and families. Distributed directly to local non-profits to provide street outreach, emergency shelter, prevention services, and rapid rehousing.
- Not available for construction or renovation of facilities.
- Allocations made based on applications submitted to and reviewed by Continuum of Care Committee.
- Up to 7.5% of grant may be used for program administration.



HOME

\$3,388,479

- Supports the construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income renters and homeowners.
- Distributed by RFP to developers and non-profits seeking to construct or renovate affordable housing.
- Proposals are reviewed by BURA to determine readiness of development and amount of outside funding being leveraged.
- At least 15% of grant must be set aside for use by Community Housing Development Organizations – CHDOs.
- Up to 10% of grant may be used for program administration.



CDBG

\$13,926,260

- Assist with the development of viable communities by providing decent, affordable housing; a suitable living environment; and economic opportunities for persons with low- and moderate-incomes, or lower.
- *At least* 70% of all funds must benefit low- or moderate- income persons, or neighborhoods.
- Up to 15% of grant may be used to provide public services.
- Up to 20% of grant may be used for program administration.

CDBG ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Housing rehabilitation and new construction
- Down payment and closing cost assistance
- Demolition of abandoned and deteriorated structures
- Public facility improvements to community centers, libraries, parks, playgrounds, streets, and sidewalks
- Public services for youths and seniors, employment training, crime prevention, and fair housing
- Economic development assistance to create or retain jobs for low or moderate income persons

CDBG INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- General city services, including operating and maintenance expenses
- Improvements to buildings providing general city services
- Equipment purchase*
- Political and religious activities

* Some categories allow this item, however only those within scope and exception.

NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

All CDBG-funded activities must meet
at least 1 National Objective:

- Benefit low- or moderate-income persons, or neighborhoods

70% of CDBG Grant
amount
must
be utilized here.

- Prevent or eliminate slums and blight
- Address an urgent need

Three Areas of Evaluation

- ▶ HUD Eligibility
- ▶ Consolidated Plan Consistency
 - ▶ Needs of the community
- ▶ All considerations for funding allocations are weighed by these three criteria.



Accomplishments with Federal Entitlement Funds

HUD 2019-2020 Year in Summary

- ▶ \$500,000 disbursed for the demolition of 21 structures
- ▶ \$1,937,452 distributed to support single & multi family emergency repairs totaling 163 units
- ▶ \$2,473,142 disbursed in public infrastructure street and sidewalk improvements
- ▶ \$1,050,692 disbursed in senior, youth, and other public services
- ▶ 285 persons received Rapid-Rehousing services
- ▶ 1,115 homeless persons received street outreach services
- ▶ \$877,100 disbursed for housing for persons with AIDS and related services

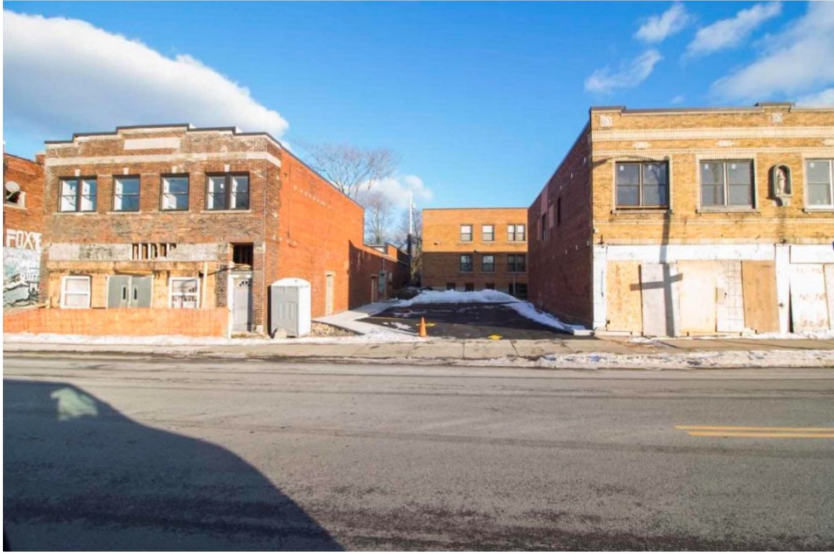
*Based on CAPER draft narratives and CDBG Financial Summary report for 2019-2020.

“The greatest human need is housing. Buffalo has more than its fair share of older housing (110+ years) that need to be rehabbed if possible & feasible, or demoed...”

- Resident, in a previous Roundtable

HOME: Fillmore Apartments

2201-2209 Fillmore Ave.



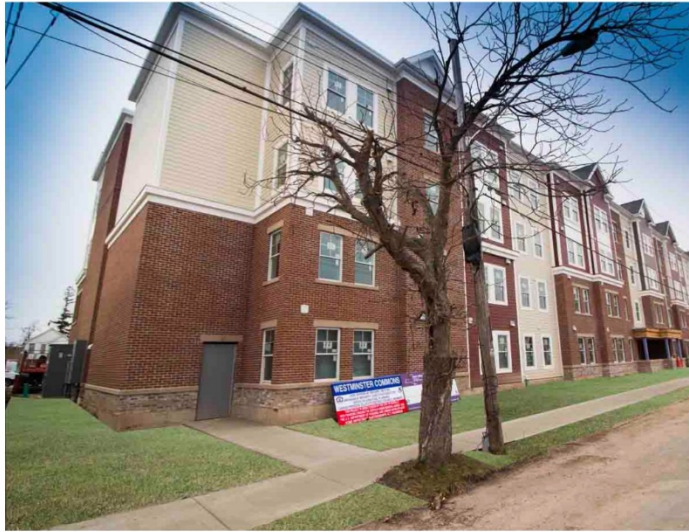
HOME: Trinity One

921 E. Delavan Ave.



HOME: Westminster Commons

401 Monroe St.



*“Demolition is
important to maintain
community integrity.”*

- Resident, in a previous Roundtable

CDBG: Demolitions



Before — 355 Box Ave.



After — 355 Box Ave.

CDBG: Demolitions



Before — 231 Maple St.



After — 231 Maple St.

“...We need to have money set aside for lighting and street infrastructure to help build in these areas - Neighborhood!”

- Resident, in a previous Roundtable

CDBG: ADA Accessible Curb Ramps



Floss Street: Before



Floss Street: After

CDBG: Sidewalk Replacement

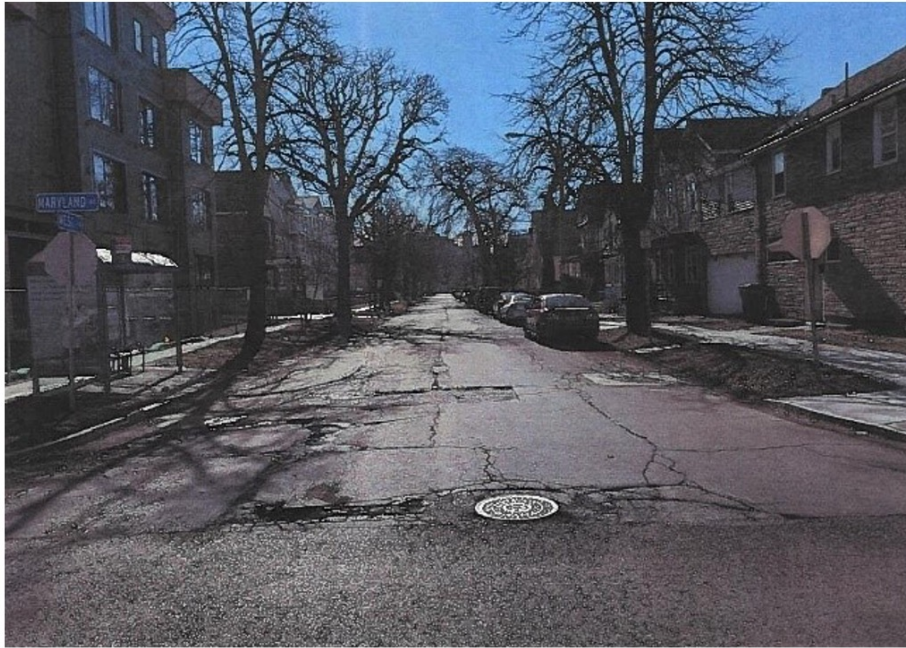


Arkansas St.: BEFORE



Arkansas St.: AFTER

CDBG: Street Reconstruction



West Ave.: BEFORE



West Ave.: AFTER

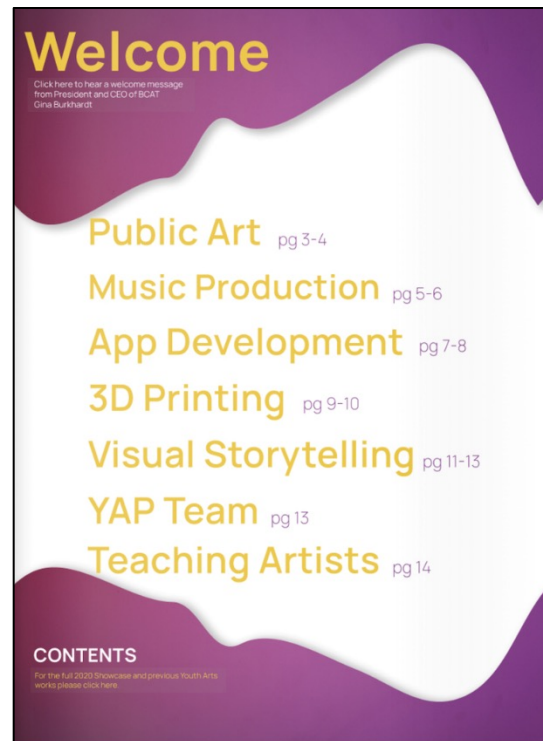
“We have to work [with] all small agencies that are doing big things serving residents.”

- Resident, in a previous Roundtable

Youth Programs

Programs like the one at the Buffalo Center for Arts and Technology (BCAT) strive to give youth a positive outlet, while encouraging life skills, healthy choices and strong work ethic. This year, the BCAT Youth Arts Program created the *BCAT Youth Showcase Magazine* online, viewable at:

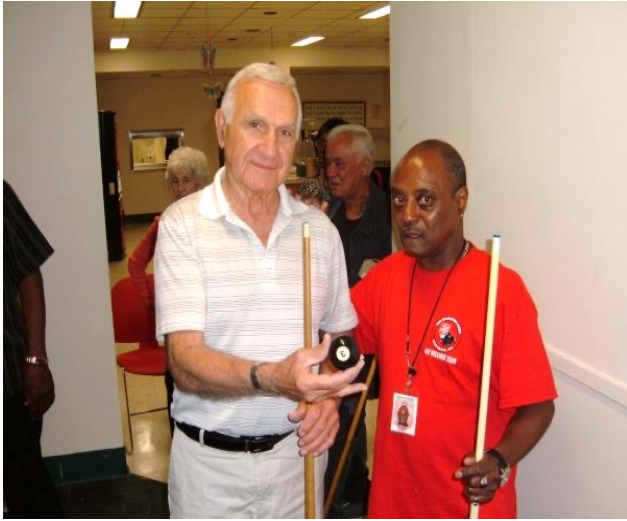
<http://bit.ly/BCATFall2020Showcase> BCAT is a recipient of CDBG funding.



Youth Programs



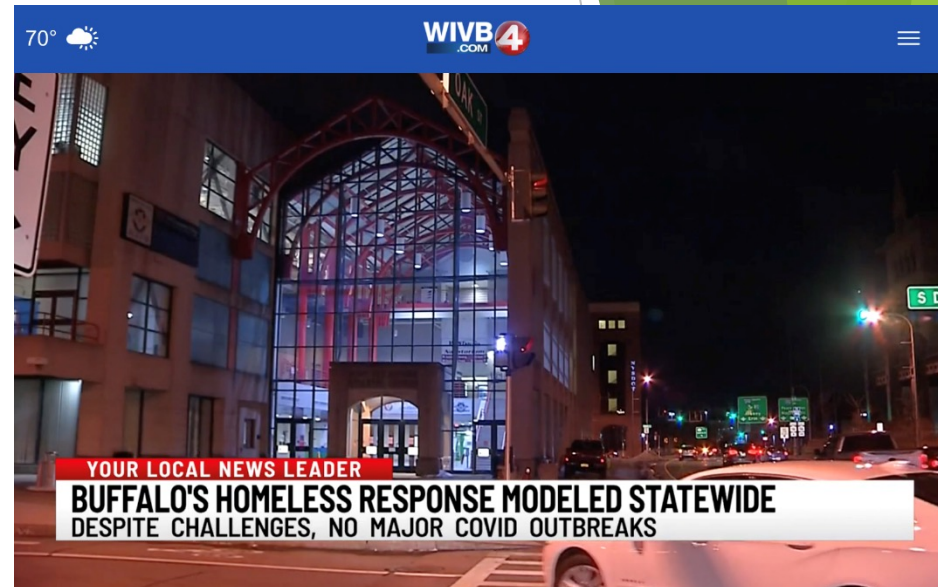
Senior Programs



Senior Programs provide opportunities for healthy physical and social outlets.

Assistance Programs for the Homeless

Buffalo's Homeless providers provide critical outreach, shelter, rapid rehousing and prevention services. This year they rose to Covid-19's challenges, with no Covid-19 outbreaks. Some communities statewide and across the country are modeling their homeless response off Buffalo's success.



Introduction of Breakout Room Facilitators and Scribes

▶ Crime Prevention/Economic Development Breakout Room

- ▶ Mr. Oswaldo Mestre, Jr. - *Chief Service Officer & Director of Citizen Services, COB*
- ▶ Ms. Lisa Hicks- *Director of Development, COB*
- ▶ Mr. Alex Carducci- *Real Estate Financial Analyst, COB*

▶ Demolitions/Clearance Breakout Room

- ▶ Ms. Holly McNamara- *Demolition Coordinator, BURA*
- ▶ Mr. Kevin Coyne- *Building Inspector, COB*
- ▶ Mr. Sean Myers- *Building Inspector, COB*

Introduction of Breakout Room Facilitators and Scribes

▶ Housing/HOME Breakout Room

- ▶ Ms. Yvonne McCray- *Director of Housing, BURA*
- ▶ Ms. Leslie Vishwanath- *Director of Program Management, BURA*
- ▶ Ms. Pam Walker-Jarmon- *Assistant Grant Monitor, BURA*
- ▶ Ms. Joanne Kearns- *Resource Development Specialist II, BURA*
- ▶ Mr. Harold Cardwell- *Contract Compliance Officer/Fair Housing Officer, BURA*
- ▶ Mr. LeAnthony Freeman- *Program Manager, Fair Housing, BURA*

Introduction of Breakout Room Facilitators and Scribes

▶ Planning/Historic Preservation Breakout Room

- ▶ Mr. John Fell- *Senior Planner, COB*
- ▶ Ms. Crystal Middleton- *Community Planner, BURA*

▶ Public Improvements Breakout Room

- ▶ Mr. Trezz Bailey- *Project Manager, BURA*
- ▶ Mr. Francisco Guzman- *Deputy Commissioner, Public Works, Parks & Streets, COB*

Introduction of Breakout Room Facilitators and Scribes

- ▶ Public Services/ESG/HOPWA Breakout Room
 - ▶ Ms. Sue Lumadue- *Sr. Human Resources Planner, COB*
 - ▶ Mr. Sean Tulumello- *Human Resources Planner, COB*
 - ▶ Ms. Rebecca Harris- *Human Resources Planner, COB*

- ▶ General Discussion Main Room
 - ▶ Mr. Nate Neuman- *Community Planner, BURA*

COB = City of Buffalo

BURA = Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency

General Instructions

- ▶ There will be two breakout sessions of 15 minutes each. You will be notified when each breakout session starts and when each breakout session ends.
- ▶ There will be six breakout rooms.
- ▶ Those attending by phone will be unable to join a breakout session. You may stay in the main room and participate in a general discussion.
- ▶ After the first session's 15 minutes, we will reconvene briefly in the main room. Breakout room attendees can elect to return to the same breakout room, rotate to another one, or attend the general discussion in the main room.
- ▶ After the second session, we will reconvene to the main room and the meeting presentation will be completed.

Breakout Room Example

- In each breakout room, when it is your turn please state your name and share your input. Let's review an example for the Housing/HOME breakout room:

Break Out Room – HOUSING/HOME

Question A. How should the City of Buffalo invest potential <i>Community Development Block Grant's</i> funding for Housing activities? (Please choose your top two)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Rehab: Single-Unit ResidentialB. Rehab: Multi-Unit Residential RehabilitationC. Rehab: Public Housing ModernizationD. Rehab: Other Publicly Owned ResidentialE. Rehab: Publicly or Privately Owned Commercial/IndustrialF. Rehab: Housing Energy Efficiency ImprovementsG. Rehab: Acquisition of property to be rehabilitated for housingH. Lead-Based Paint/Lead Hazards Testing/AbatementI. Housing Services in support of the HOME Program, Neighborhood Cleanups
Question B. How should the City of Buffalo invest potential HOME Investment Partnerships funding?	Keeping in mind that HOME is a federal program with policies and regulations that prevent certain funding, please provide us with your grand idea, on how to best utilize these funds for low-income projects throughout the City of Buffalo. For example, HOME funds can be used for eligible new construction, rehabilitation, reconstruction, conversion, demolition and acquisition projects.
Specific Programs/Projects	Please tell us about any specific programs/projects you feel would be beneficial for our community.
Further input to give after the meeting? Or want to submit a formal comment in writing? Email HUDAdministrator@city-buffalo.com	

6 Breakout Rooms



JOIN THE BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Facilitators and Scribes, please join your breakout sessions now.

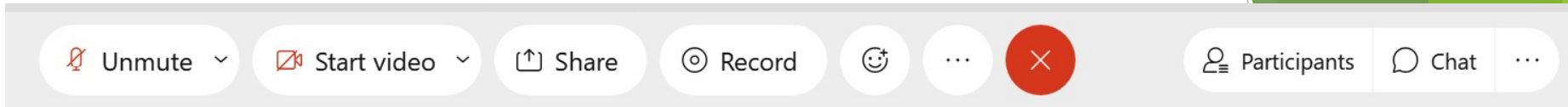
After joining, please be sure that cameras and microphones are on.

Those unfamiliar with Webex may wish to review the next slide before joining a breakout session.

Please note that once you join a breakout session, you will not have access to this “How to...” slide.

The “How to...” slide will stay up through the end of breakout session number 2.

WEBEX HOW TO...



① Turn on Participants

② Turn on Chat

To join the breakout session, go to the **Participants** panel, click **Show all breakout sessions**, then click **Join** next to the session you want to join.

While you are participating in a breakout session, the Main Room will be unavailable until you leave the breakout session.

③ To turn on and off your video, click **Start/Stop video**

④ To turn on and off your microphone, click **Unmute/Mute**

⑤ When you are ready to leave the breakout session, click **Leave Session**

If you would like to provide a formal
comment, please email it to:
HUDAdministrator@city-buffalo.com



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Next, in the Annual Action Plan Process

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

- ~~Public Service Applications Workshop~~ ~~March 16-17~~
- ~~Public Service Applications Due~~ ~~April 2~~
- Public Hearing/Community Roundtable April 29
- **Comment period** **May 29**
- Public Hearing / Plan Review June 17 (updated)
- Start of program year October 1

COMMENTS

- All formal comments received tonight, or during the subsequent 30-day comment period, will be included in the city's submission to HUD.
- Formal comments may be submitted in writing:

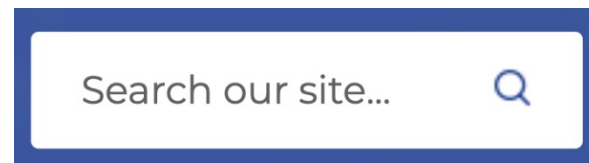
Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning
920 City Hall, 65 Niagara Sq.
Buffalo, NY 14202
Attn: William Parke
- Or by e-mail: HUDAdministrator@city-buffalo.com

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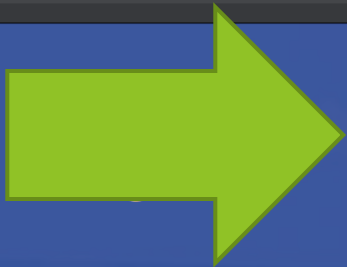
- Tonight's presentation, will be posted on the city's website:

www.buffalony.gov

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Important Dates

- Public Hearing / Plan Review June 17 (updated)
- Close of comment period July 19
- HUD AAP submission deadline August 15
- Start of program year October 1, 2021
- End of program year September 30, 2022
- All Program Information can be found at:
 - www.hud.gov- 24 CFR
 - www.hudexchange.info



THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

Byron W. Brown,
Mayor of the City of Buffalo

